

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF WISCONSIN**

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

v.

**ARRAIGNMENT AND PLEA/  
DETENTION HEARING MINUTES**

**KAIYU HUANG**

**CASE NUMBER 25-CR-8**

HONORABLE STEPHEN C. DRIES, presiding  
Deputy Clerk: Tony Byal  
Hearing Held: April 8, 2025 at 2:00 PM

Court Reporter: Zoom Audio  
Hearing Began: 2:01 PM  
Hearing Ended: 2:20 PM

**Appearances:**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA by: Katherine Halopka-Ivery  
Kaiyu Huang, via video conference, and by: David S. Bahuriak Jr.  
U.S. PROBATION OFFICE by: Kasie Kotewa  
INTERPRETER: ☐ None ☒ Sworn: Dianna Lin

☐ CJA ☐ FDS ☒ RET

☒ Original Indictment ☐ Superseding Indictment ☐ Information ☐ Misdemeanor ☒ Felony

Speedy Trial Date: June 17, 2025  
Plea Deadline: TO BE SET  
Final Pretrial Report TO BE SET  
Final Pretrial Conf.: TO BE SET  
Jury Trial Date: TO BE SET  
Trial Length Estimate: 2 weeks

District Judge: J.P. Stadtmueller  
Bond Judge: Stephen C. Dries  
Magistrate Judge: Stephen C. Dries  
Motions Due: TO BE SET  
Responses Due: TO BE SET  
Replies Due: TO BE SET

☒ Defendant consents to proceed via video  
☒ Defendant advised of rights  
☐ Court orders counsel appointed  
☒ Defendant advised of charges, penalties, and fines  
☒ Copy of indictment received by defendant  
☐ Indictment read ☐ defendant waives reading  
☒ Not guilty plea entered by: ☒ defendant ☐ the court  
☒ Expanded discovery policy applies (*See Order below*)  
Discovery available: Ready-Need drive from defense

☒ Government to disclose grand jury materials one day prior to trial  
☐ Oral Motion for Complex Designation  
☐ Granted ☐ Denied  
☐ Referred to Stephen C. Dries  
☒ Case designated complex  
☒ Counsel Only Scheduling Conference: 4/25/2025 at 9:00 AM by Telephone before Magistrate Judge Stephen C. Dries

Maximum Penalties:

Count 1: 20 years imprisonment, \$1,000,000 fine, 3 years to life SR, \$100 SA  
Count 13: 10 years imprisonment, \$500,000 fine, 2 years to life SR, \$100 SA  
Count 14: 10 years imprisonment, \$500,000 fine, 2 years to life SR, \$100 SA  
Forfeiture Notice

Parties consent to hold detention hearing.

Government:

- Presumption of detention.
- Discusses history of case.
- Defendant involved in long term drug trafficking across the country. Delivered multiple kilograms to this district and Chicago.

- Was put on notice in March 2022 when co-defendant was arrested. This did not stop defendant in engaging in further controlled buys.
- Admitted to drug trafficking in July 2024 when arrested. Has pending charges in New York.
- Was stopped in South Carolina in 2021 with multiple pounds of marijuana.
- Is not a United States citizen and was scheduled for removal. This did not stop him from drug trafficking across the country.
- Has connections outside the county. Risk of flight.
- Danger to the community by engaging in large scale drug trafficking.

Defense:

- Assessed by Pretrial Services in New York and was recommended for release.
- Recommended conditions include surrender passport, restrict travel, electronic monitoring, etc.
- This is a non-violent offense.
- Has employment history.
- Has family and ties to this community.

Court:

- Presumption of detention.
- Involved in long term drug dealing on semi-national scale.
- Criminal history shows dealing large quantities of drugs in the past.
- Evidence is strong. Includes controlled buys, searches, and admission.
- Engaged in trafficking despite threat of removal from country.
- Conditions of release would not be enough to stop criminal activity.
- Orders defendant detained pending trial.

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that as required by Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 5(f), the court **ORDERS** that the government must produce all exculpatory information to the defendant(s) as required by *Brady v. Maryland*, 373 U.S. 83 (1963) and its progeny. Failure to comply with this order in a timely manner may result in sanctions, including exclusion of evidence, adverse jury instructions, dismissal of charges and contempt proceedings

**Bond Status:** ☒ Defendant is ordered detained pending trial. *See* Order of Detention Pending Trial